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Remarks

Claims 1 through 23, 46, 47, 66 through 82, and 84 through 108 are pending in this application. The present amendment is for formalities only and makes only minor changes in the language.

Applicant amends the title to conform to the claims. The method claims were withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement and were canceled. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional or continuation applications on the canceled method claims.

Applicant amends dependent claims 2 through 47 and 108 to recite that an endoscope is claimed, to match the endoscope claimed in independent claim 1. Applicant amends dependent claims 67 through 82 and 84 through 91 to recite that an apparatus is claimed, to match independent claim 66. Applicant amends dependent claims 93 through 107 to recite that an apparatus is claimed, to match independent claim 92.

Applicant amends dependent claims 13 and 16 to recite "at least one illumination fiber" to match independent claim 1.

Applicant amends independent claim 66 to recite positively "an endoscope" and, at line 13, to correct a dependency mistake with respect to "a Raman signal".

Applicant amends claim 71 to correct a dependency mistake with respect to "said illumination fiber".

Applicant amends claim 81 to delete two inadvertently added and extraneous words

Applicant cancels claim 83. Accordingly, claim 84 is amended to state a proper dependency.

Claim 92 is amended to delete three extraneous words in the prefatory clause and to recite positively "an endoscope".

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Statement of the Interview

The undersigned attorney spoke with Examiner Chao by telephone on February 27, 2008. The Examiner explained that the title should be changed as no methods were currently claimed, that some of the dependent claims did not match the independent claim with respect to the name of the apparatus claimed, that some of the claims had improper antecedent bases, and that claim 83 appeared to be redundant. The undersigned attorney agreed to submit an Amendment fixing these formalities.

Summary

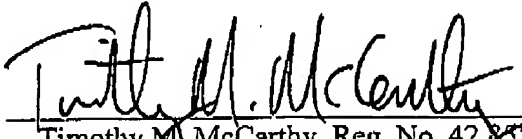
Applicant believes that no fee is required for this submission. If the Examiner disagrees, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee associated with this Response to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Account No. 20-1495.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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